

In the claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a notification that events have occurred, the method comprising:

receiving a request at multiple computer sources over a computer network to provide a notification in response to the occurrence of the event pertaining to each of the multiple sources to a client computer, the request comprising a description of the event and a user identifier;

determining whether the event has occurred at each of the multiple sources; and
in response to determining that the event pertaining to one of the multiple sources has occurred, for each ~~server~~ computer source that has determined that the event has occurred, identifying a network address for the client computer based on the user identifier, and transmitting a request to the client computer at the network address to provide the notification that the event for each ~~server~~ computer source has occurred; and

opening a new user interface window at the client computer for each notification where each new user interface window is dedicated to displaying each notification in response to receiving each request.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface window includes a description of the event.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2, wherein the user interface window is displayed over one or more currently active windows.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 3, wherein the user interface window further comprises one or more hyperlinks referencing a network location having additional information regarding the event.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 4, wherein the request to provide a notification further comprises data for customizing the notification, wherein transmitting a request to the client computer to provide the notification that the event has occurred further comprises transmitting the data for customizing the notification, and

wherein the user interface window further comprises the data for customizing the notification.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein identifying a network address for the client computer based on the user identifier comprises querying a network service provider or other network database for the network address of the client computer.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the request to provide the notification that the event has occurred is transmitted to the client computer over a high-speed always-on network connection.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the request to provide a notification in response to the occurrence of the event is received at a business web server.

9. (Previously Presented) A method for providing a notification that events have occurred, the method comprising:

transmitting a request to provide a notification in response to the occurrence of each of the events to server computers corresponding to each of the events, the request to each server computer composing a description of the event corresponding to that server computer and a user identifier;

receiving from each one of the server computers a request to provide the notification that the event has occurred, the notification composing a user interface window including a description of the event; and

providing the notification by opening the user interface window dedicated to the notification at the client computer in response to receiving the request.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the user interface window is displayed over one or more currently active windows.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein the user interface window further comprises one or more hyperlinks referencing a network location having additional information regarding the event.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11, wherein the request to provide a notification further comprises data for customizing the notification, wherein the request to provide the notification that the event has occurred further comprises the data for customizing the notification, and wherein the user interface window further comprises the data for customizing the notification.

13. (Original) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform the method of Claim 1.

14. (Original) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform the method of Claim 9.

15. (Original) A computer-controlled apparatus capable of performing the method of Claim 1.

16. (Original) A computer-controlled apparatus capable of performing the method of Claim 9.

17. (Previously Presented) A system for providing a notification that an event has occurred, the system comprising:

a client computer comprising an output device, a memory, a central processing unit, and a storage device containing computer-readable instructions for execution on the central processing unit, the computer-readable instructions operative to cause the client computer to transmit a request to provide a notification in response to the occurrence of the event to each of a plurality of a server computers, the request comprising a

description of the event corresponding to the server computer and a user identifier, to receive from each of the server computers a request to provide a notification that the event has occurred and to open a new user interface window for each request that is received to thereby display each notification, each notification comprising a description of the event; and

a plurality of server computers each comprising a memory, a central processing unit, and a storage device containing computer-readable instructions for execution on the central processing unit of the server computer, the computer-readable instructions operative to cause the server computer to receive the request to provide a notification from the client computer, to determine whether the event has occurred, to identify a network address for the client computer based on the user identifier in response to determining that the event has occurred, and to transmit the request to the client computer to provide a notification that the event has occurred at the network address.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 17, further comprising a web server computer, and wherein at least one of the notifications that one of the events has occurred further comprises a hyperlink, and wherein the client computer is further operative to receive a selection of the hyperlink and, based on the selection, to retrieve and display additional information regarding the event from the web server computer.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 17, further comprising a billing server computer, and wherein at least one of the notifications that one of the events has occurred further comprises a hyperlink, and wherein the client computer is further operative to receive a selection of the hyperlink and, based on the selection, to place an order with the billing server computer.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 17, further comprising a calendaring server computer, and wherein at least one of the notifications that one of the events has occurred further comprises a hyperlink, and wherein the client computer is further operative to receive a selection of the hyperlink and, based on the selection, to create an appointment with the calendaring server computer.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 17, wherein at least one of the notifications that one of the events has occurred further comprises a hyperlink, and wherein the client computer is further operative to receive a selection of the hyperlink and, based on the selection, to place a telephone call.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 17, wherein at least one of the notifications that one of the events has occurred further comprises a hyperlink, and wherein client computer is further operative to receive a selection of the hyperlink and, based on the selection, send a data message.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 17, wherein the notification request received from the server computer is received via a high speed always on network connection.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 17, wherein multiple user interface windows are displayed simultaneously.